

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2026
In the Village Hall.**

Present: Councillor Mrs N Whalley (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs D Dickinson, Mrs L Willis, T Threlfall, K McKay, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs F Craig-Wilson, Mrs N Griffiths and Mr A Smith

1) To accept Apologies for Absence.

Mr T Fiddler – Other business – The reason was accepted.

Mrs C Thomas – Other business – The reason was accepted.

Mrs J Atherton – Holiday – The reason was accepted.

2) Open Forum.

a) Police update – There was no police presence.

b) Public participation – There was no public participation.

3) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

No declaration of interest recorded.

4) To read and approve the minutes of:-

a) The Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.

b) The Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

It was resolved that the above mentioned minutes, previously circulated, be approved.

5) To review the Clerk's report.

The contents were noted.

6) Finance.

a) Ratification of accounts paid by the clerk.

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix A.

b) Monthly budget statements.

It was resolved to approve the accounts paid by the Clerk. See Appendix B.

7) To receive an update on Open Spaces during May 2026.

Councillor T Threlfall gave the following update:-

a) LCC have offered funding towards a replacement defibrillator for the Rawstorne Centre.

b) Gully on Bush Lane has now been cleared and is working effectively.

c) LCC are proposing a grant towards Freckleton in Bloom.

d) Cleaning and repainting of the blue youth shelter is well underway.

e) The green waste has been removed from the storage location at the Rawstorne Centre.

f) The large pot holes at Bush Lane/Ribble Avenue and Naize Lane East have now been completed.

g) We have collected a bench from FBC which will now undergo refurbishment.

h) There is an issue of rats at the Bush Lane allotments, the committee have been contacted regarding this and will take action.

8) To discuss request to hold a McMillan Cancer Coffee Morning in the Memorial Park on 9th July 2026, 9am-12noon.

It was resolved to grant this request.

9) To receive an update on the Morgan & Morecambe.

The SoS was scheduled to make a decision on the DCO on May 14th. As there are many unresolved problems, as eventually defined in a letter from DESNZ on 20th May, the decision had been taken before the 14th to defer the decision until 14th September 2026. The issued letter invites further comments in answer to the queries raised again from nominated parties and any interested parties.

The process of assembling further comments has commenced already, using information that has already been assembled to the area lobby local MPs and Ofgem. The critical areas to focus upon have been identified and will be confirmed following a meeting with the TASC legal advisor, Mr Angus Walker, which will take place this Thursday.

Some of the issues raised by DESNZ should have been resolved before submission of the DCO and may prove to be intractable with the current proposal. It is noteworthy that the proposed material alternative, of coming ashore at Rossall and making use of Hillhouse, avoids all the issues raised, but has still to be formally recognised or properly assessed by DESNZ, although it is now understood that there are no technical reasons preventing the use of the alternative.

10) Any other business.

None.

11) To agree the date of the next meeting.

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on Monday 6th July 2026.

Signed: Cllr Mrs N Whalley

Date: 6th July 2026

Appendix A - Freckleton Parish Council

18 May 2026 (2026-2027)

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT		Net
23	Bowls	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Receipt - Fertiliser - Knotw	Bowling club		372.00		372.00
41	Equipment	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Scribe System	Scribe Accounts - Start		-64.00	-12.80	-76.80
28	Bowls	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Fertiliser - Knot	Helmrig Ltd T/A Knotw		-372.00	-74.40	-446.40
39	Electric & Rates	01/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Unmetered elec	Npower		-2,936.08		-2,936.08
31	Vehicle Insurance	05/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Insurance pick	NFU Mutual		-541.79		-541.79
32	Vehicle Insurance	05/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Insurance; gra	NFU Mutual		-593.86		-593.86
42	Stationery & web-sit	11/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - website rental	Freeola		-7.50	-1.50	-9.00
34	Electric & Rates	13/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity charg	British Gas		-19.12	-0.95	-20.07
35	Electric & Rates	13/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity	British Gas		-13.44	-0.67	-14.11
29	Electric & Rates	15/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Water charges	Waterplus		-119.39		-119.39
30	Electric & Rates	15/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Water charges	Waterplus		-569.59		-569.59
38	Maintaining Building	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Tarmac	BGR Surfacing		-500.00		-500.00
40	Maintaining Building	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Materials for pe	Woodys		-36.11	-7.22	-43.33
33	Electric & Rates	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - electricity Ceno	British Gas		-12.60	-0.63	-13.23
36	Vehicle Maintaince	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Servicing to Jol	Seeds		-3,282.53	-656.51	-3,939.04
37	Vehicle Maintaince	18/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Repair to John	Seeds		-200.00	-40.00	-240.00
44	Windfarm Reserve	19/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Solicitors fees	Parish Council of Newt		-389.02		-389.02
46	Wages & Expenses	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Fiona Newbold	Fiona Newbold		-1,149.69		-1,149.69
47	Wages & Expenses	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - HMRC Cumber	HM Customs		-327.47		-327.47
43	Borders	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening		-458.33		-458.33
45	Grass cutting	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Grass cutting	J Rhodes		-1,845.82	-369.16	-2,214.98
43	Bedding out & Wate	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening		-1,363.50		-1,363.50
43	Litter	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening		-425.00		-425.00
43	Extras	29/05/2026	Nat West Current	Payment - Dean Wilson - (	DC Gardening		-141.00		-141.00
Total							-14,995.84	-1,163.84	-16,159.68

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Appendix B - Freckleton Parish Council**Summary of Receipts and Payments****Cost Centre Group - Precept Account 2026/27****General Expenditure**

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
							+/- Under/over spend
4	Audit fee			600.00	150.00	450.00	450.00 (75%)
5	Chairman Allowance			100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)
7	Civic functions - Remembrance,			750.00		750.00	750.00 (100%)
8	Election						(N/A)
10	Equipment			2,000.00	178.00	1,822.00	1,822.00 (91%)
11	Grants						(N/A)
47	Hospitality						(N/A)
2	Insurance			6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00 (100%)
43	Internet/Telephone						(N/A)
44	Legal Fees						(N/A)
9	Reserve			1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
12	Section137			500.00	2,100.00	-1,600.00	-1,600.00 (-320%)
3	Stationery & web-site rental			1,400.00	792.00	608.00	608.00 (43%)
6	Training			1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
1	Wages & Expenses			25,000.00	3,457.78	21,542.22	21,542.22 (86%)
SUB TOTAL				38,850.00	6,677.78	32,172.22	32,172.22 (82%)

General Income

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
							+/- Under/over spend
27	All Weather Surface area fees						(N/A)
50	Grant LANPAC						(N/A)
28	Grants from FBC						(N/A)
30	Grants from LCC, Fair rents,						(N/A)
26	Lancashire county Council – Gra						(N/A)
29	Natwest - interest on savings ac	94.64	94.64				94.64 (N/A)
60	Playground Donation	384.86	384.86				384.86 (N/A)
57	Precept 2026/27	56,231.00	56,231.00				56,231.00 (N/A)
45	VAT Refund						(N/A)
SUB TOTAL		56,710.50	56,710.50				56,710.50 (N/A)

Open Spaces Account

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
							+/- Under/over spend
14	Bedding out & Watering			20,960.00	2,727.00	18,233.00	18,233.00 (86%)
17	Borders			6,600.00	916.66	5,683.34	5,683.34 (86%)
52	Club Day						(N/A)
25	Electric & Rates			6,000.00	5,285.10	714.90	714.90 (11%)
53	Extras				193.00	-193.00	-193.00 (N/A)
55	Fertiliser						(N/A)
61	Fuel for Pickup				116.54	-116.54	-116.54 (N/A)
13	Grass cutting	2,400.00	2,400.00	21,500.00	3,691.64	17,808.36	20,208.36 (93%)
16	Hedge cutting			1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00 (100%)
54	Hospitality						(N/A)
46	Income						(N/A)
15	Litter			5,100.00	850.00	4,250.00	4,250.00 (83%)
18	Maintaining Buildings			8,000.00	1,457.22	6,542.78	6,542.78 (81%)
48	Membership						(N/A)
62	Vehicle Insurance				1,135.65	-1,135.65	-1,135.65 (N/A)
51	Vehicle Maintainece				3,482.53	-3,482.53	-3,482.53 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL		2,400.00	2,400.00	69,260.00	19,855.34	49,404.66	51,804.66 (74%)

Organisations

Code	Title	Receipts		Budgeted	Payments		Net Position
		Actual	Variance		Actual	Variance	
							+/- Under/over spend
21	Bowls	372.00	372.00	1,700.00	372.00	1,328.00	1,700.00 (100%)
23	Civic events - tree lights, etc			550.00		550.00	550.00 (100%)
22	Club Day			2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00 (100%)
19	Cricket	908.89	908.89	550.00	1,257.94	-707.94	200.95 (36%)
20	Football			550.00		550.00	550.00 (100%)
24	Playground Maintenance			4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00 (100%)
SUB TOTAL		1,280.89	1,280.89	9,850.00	1,629.94	8,220.06	9,500.95 (96%)

Summary

NET TOTAL	60,391.39	60,391.39	117,960.00	28,163.06	89,796.94	150,188.33
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GROSS TOTAL **62,749.26**2,111.11
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